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1. The VEB Gus (formerly Meyer & Weichelt) continues manufacturing chain links and pins for caterpillar vehicles. About 12,700 links were turned out in September 1953, part of which were made up into chains and part were delivered to the Maschinenfabrik Salzgungen.
2. The plant foundry is fully occupied at present making machine parts for brown coal works for the ABUS Leipzig, beside turning out large quantities of shell castings. The production is very irregular. In September 1953 it was between 3,000 and 4,000 pieces, mostly for 88 and 105 mm. shells.
3. Deliveries of materials have been regular recently. The plant also has its own reserve stocks, which were laid in last July and August when the production was slowed down, but deliveries continued to arrive. The Stahlwerk Henningsdorf is the principal deliverer. The Maxhütte in Unterwellenborn formerly delivered large quantities of material, but this plant is now occupied largely with the manufacture of railway rails and its delivery commitments have had to be transferred to the Hüttenkombinat Ost.
4. VEB Gus has had its capital assets reduced by 3.5 millions. Two planned Siemens Martin furnaces now will not be erected.

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